

MINUTES OF THE NCSL HOST COMMITTEE

Friday, November 20, 1998
10:00 A.M.
Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Administration Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

Members Present: Representative Susan Crosby and Senator Joseph Harrison, Co-Chairpersons; Senators Patricia Miller and Richard Young; Representative Sheila Klinker; Lay Member Lisa Hays Murray and Elaine Stewart (for Ed Simcox).

Members Absent: Senator Glenn Howard; Representatives Ralph Ayres and Kathy Richardson; Lay Members Gary Biviano, Ed Simcox and John Holmes.

Others Present: Jeanette Adams and Mary Cummins, Legislative Services Agency; Ellen Rabinowitch, Maribeth Smith & Associates, Inc. (MBS); George Fleetwood, Ameritech, representing the Local Organizing Committee Fundraising Committee; and Fred Nation and George Hobbs of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation (IMS).

Senator Harrison called the meeting to order and called on Ellen Rabinowitch to present IMS background to the committee. Ms. Rabinowitch reviewed the desire of the Host Committee to have the opening event for the meeting at the Speedway and what activities might be included for the event. Fred Nation and George Hobbs of IMS went through ongoing construction project timelines at the site and activities for the event. Food will be served from tents behind the tower and attendees will be able to tour the museum and tour the track and garage area on buses. It may be possible to have some IROC cars to look at, but a simulated four-car race will be very difficult, if not impossible, to schedule because of racing schedules for both the IRL and NASCAR. Other options for the evening entertainment including the Richard Petty Driving School demonstration and pace car laps with leadership passengers, will be pursued by MBS. After general discussion, it was moved, seconded, and adopted by unanimous voice vote to hold the opening event on July 24, 1999 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Ms. Rabinowitch presented an update of Local Organizing Committee (LOC) activities and reported that NCSL indicates activities and schedules are on target. She indicated there will be a need for about 800 volunteers for the meeting. Development of the Web Site through Access Indiana is ongoing. Other LOC committee work is on schedule.

Representative Crosby said Representative Mannweiler, who is serving as the National President of NCSL, will need to raise funds to pay for a President's event that is traditionally held in the early evening on Saturday. He would like the committee to roll his budget need into the meeting budget because he would need to contact some of the same people the committee is contacting. This event is traditionally held early on Saturday evening. It was moved, seconded and adopted unanimously to add this event to the budget for the annual meeting.

Lisa Hays Murray suggested a Sock Hop at the Indiana Roof or other location for the Youth Program. Lisa will research possible locations and costs for the event.

George Fleetwood reported for the Finance Committee and indicated a concern that more is being spent than is being raised at this point. He said the committee has divided the donor list into 25 economy sectors and indicated that legislator participation in fundraising is very important. The total approved and in the budget is \$1.4 million with the addition of the event for Representative Mannweiler. The total raised from the private sector to date is \$93,600; there is a state appropriation for part of the administrative costs of the meeting, but, at this time, the Finance Committee has great concern about meeting the budget requirements. It may be necessary to consider cutting the budget although Ms. Rabinowitch indicated the budget is pretty much in line with what other states have done. George has talked with appropriate legislators in the House and Senate and there will be a request to supplement the state appropriation during the 1999 legislative session. It is important for Host Committee members to talk with appropriate legislators to garner their approval for additional funds.

Mr. Fleetwood reviewed the rules the Finance Committee had to follow in terms of contacting national contributors and indicated the difficulty for fundraising in Indiana with having the Midwest Governors' Conference, the 1998 Midwestern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting, and the 1999 NCSL Annual meeting in Indiana within a period of less than a year and a half. The next meeting of the Host Committee will be a joint meeting with the Local Organizing Committee to address fundraising problems and solutions. Legislative leadership will also be invited and encouraged to attend to address fundraising problems and solutions.

The next meeting of the Host Committee (joint meeting with LOC and legislative leadership) will be on Monday, December 14, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M. and committee members were taken on a tour of the IMS track and entertainment facilities by George Hobbs of IMS.